1 6 FEB 1918
MADRAS
26 FEB 1918

VOL. I. NO. 3

MADURA YOUNG MEN.

February 15, 1918.

If, for every rebuke that we utter of men's vices, we put forth a claim upon their hearts; if, for every assertion of God's demand from them, we should substitute a display of His kindness to them, if, side by side with every warning of death, we could exhibit proofs and promises of immortality; if, in fine, instead of assuming the being of an awful Deity, which men, though they cannot and dare not deny, are always unwilling, sometimes unable to conceive; we were to show them a near visible, inevitable but all-beneficient Deity, whose presence makes earth itself a heaven, I think there would be fewer deaf children sitting in the market-place.
—JOHN RUSKIN.

Who has not noticed the new Sign of the Red Triangle? Can there be any person (not blind) in the city of Madura who does not know where the Y.M.C.A. is situated? But let us see to it that our friends know the inside of the building as well as the outside.

THE GAMES ROOM.

The Games Room had to be closed for a few days as some alterations were being made. The windows have been enlarged, and a new door put in. The room is now much brighter and thoroughly well ventilated. It is a very pleasant place in which to play games, or chat.

Pingpong, crokinole, draughts, chess, and grass-hopper tennis, are only a few of the excellent games through which one may obtain refreshment for the mind wearied with the day's studies or business, and also enjoy an hour of real comradeship with other young men, of kindred tastes. The Boys' Club has its own special games, and it is good to see how the lads enjoy their own little room. Deck billiards may be played in the school room, and this is a game deserving of more attention. It calls for a certain degree of exercise and skill, yet it may be easily learned, as the rules are simple. But let those who have not experienced the pleasures of our Games Room come and see for themselves, and they will want to return, we are sure.

M. Y. M.

BI-MONTHLY.

Official Organ of the Madura Y.M.C.A.

Wide circulation Advertisements undertaken.

For particulars enquire the Secretaries.

"READING MAKETH A FULL MAN"

If you have any intellectual appetite, whether it rises above the level of a newspaper or not, you are inivted to linger a while in the Reading Room. There one may find 2 dailies, 8 weeklies, 1 tri-weekly, 3 monthlies, 2 quarterlies, and occasional copies of other interesting magazine There is also a small Association Library, from which books may be borrowed upon application to the Secretaries

Friends of the Association are requested to contribute both magazines and books to the Reading Room, where they will be much appreciated.

"CONFERENCE A READY MAN."

If "Reading maketh a full man" it is no less true that conference maketh a ready man and the members of the Debating Society are finding this out There never was a Debating Society where business was more keenly enjoyed, or where the members delighted more good humouredly in a contest of wits We have some very promising debaters in the ranks. Officers are changed monthly, that all the members may have their full share of experience. The President for February is Mr. P. Samuel, and the Secretary, Mr. Ramasamy. Visitors are cordially welcomed at the sessions.

NIGHT SCHOOLS.

The Y.M.C.A. conducts two night schools, one at Tallakulam, with Mr. Samuel Job as teacher, the other at Main Guard under Mr. Muthusamy and Mr. Ebenezer The pupils are making very satisfactory progress and the schools are growing larger and more useful. On Saturday evening the Association is especially "at home" to Night school pupils, and it is hoped that they will more and more avail themselves of this opportunity for helpful and enjoyable fellowship.

IN MEMORIAM.

PASTOR Y. D. TAYLOR.

Entered into Glory. Feb. 7, 1918.

"His servants shall serve Him, and they shall see His Face"

THE WEDNESDAY LECTURES.

The brilliant course of lectures which is being given in the Victoria Edward Hall under the auspices of the

Current Topics Club of the Y.M.C.A. is attracting considerable attention on the part of the cultured public of Madura, and the attendance has been large.

A special lecture was given by Mr. A. Fotheringham I.C.S. just before he left town. Mr Fotheringham spoke on "Russia" and illuminated in a fascinating manner what had been a very puzzling and complex subject for most of us. It was truly a brilliant lecture, and has received considerable attention in the press.

On the 6th. Mr. G. F. Paddison, I.C.S. spoke to a very appreciative audience on the "Magic of Poetry." He illustrated his remarks from the poets prescribed for study in the Madras University Course. D. M. Dorai Rajah of Pudukotta was in the Chair.

On the 13th, the Chairman was Diwan Bahadur M.R.Ry. Narayana Iyer, Avl., and the lecturer was the Rev. W. M. Zumbro M.A., Principal of the American College. The subject of "Indian Art" was beautifully illustrated by lantern slides, and the enjoyment of the large audience was very marked.

CALENDAR.

Sunday 10 A.M. Sunday School for Association School boys. 4 P.M. Senior Discussion Group "The Jesus of History."

Monday 6 P.M. Junior Discussion Group. "College St. Mark."

Tuesday. Special programme in Boys' Department.

Wednesday 6 P.M. Public Lecture, Victoria Edward Hall. See special announcements.

Thursday 6 P.M. Choral Practice.

Friday 6 P.M. Debating Society.

Saturday 6 P.M. First Aid Class for Boy Scout Leaders Training Class. 5-8 P.M. Games Evening for Night School Pupils.

SPECIAL EVENTS.

Feb. 20, 6 P.M. Public Lectures, Victoria Edward Hall "The History of the Dyeing Art in India" Lecturer, M.R.Ry A. R. Rangachariar Avl., Chairman. M.R.Ry. L. K. Tulasiram Avl., B.A., B.L.

Feb 27 Public Lecture. Victoria Edward Hall "Modern Philosophy." D.M. Dorai Rajah of Pudukota.

Chairman—G. F. Paddison, Esq. I.C.S.

Hotchand & Co.,
DIRECT IMPORTERS,
Bombay Silk Merchants,
WEST TOWER STREET,

Messrs A. Ponnusawmy Pillai & Co.,
Artists aud Photographers
Opposite Blackburn Light,
EAST GATE, MADURA.
BROMIDE ENLARGEMENTS A SPECIALITY.

CURRENT CHAT.

Among our recent visitors were Mr. and Mrs E. J. Simonds who have been working in the Poona Y.M.C.A.

for sometime. They wrote in our 'Visitors' Book, "We have considered ourselves fortunate to have had several days to visit in Madura. We have been convinced that it is not the size of the building nor the Athletic Field that makes an association, but the spirit and work done in all the many channels which we have seen at work here. The splendid day-school (worthy of the entire expense of the whole association), the unique lecture course in the Victoria Edward Hall, and the wholesome genial spirit ...have been a real blessing to us. We hope and pray that the work may prosper and that God will give you many years of service here, and a new building soon."

Mr. George P. Bryce is spending a few days at Matheran, near Bombay, where the annual gathering of Y.M.C.A. Secretaries for all India is assembled.

In Mr. Bryce's absence, Mr. Nolting met with the Discussion Group on the "Jesus of History" on Sunday afternoon

---

BOOKS ABOUT SADHU SUNDER SINGH.

" A Lover of the Cross". **Price, Twelve Annas.**

A book of thrilling incidents in the life of this wandering friar of North India and Thibet.

"Saved to Serve". **Price Eight Annas.**

This includes along with other interesting materials, an account of the teachings of the old Christian "Rishi" who lives among the snows of the Himalayas.

A PHOTOGRAPH OF SADHU SUNDER SINGH.

Few authentic photographs of the Sadhu exist. While in Madura, he was persuaded to permit himself to be "Imprisoned" in a picture. Copies of the resulting portrait —an excellent likeness—are being made, and will be printed to order. Mounted photographs. **Price Twlve Annas.**

Books and photograph obtainable from.

D. ERNEST, Y.M.C.A., Main Guard Square, Madura.

THE SOURASHTRA PRESS, MADURA.—18.